

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7339

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, UR, US

SUBJECT: BRAZINSKAS HIJACKING CASE

REF: STATE 100495

1. WHITE HOUSE LETTER RECEIVED MAY 10 AND HANDED TO  
FEDOSEYEV OF MFA BY P&C COUNSELOR ON MAY 11 FOR ONWARD  
TRANSMITTAL.

2. IN VIEW OF THE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE WHICH SOVIET MEDIA  
HAVE GIVEN THIS CASE, WE INTEND TO SEND THE TEXT OF THE  
LETTER TO TASS AND SEVERAL SOVIET NEWSPAPERS. THE AMBASSADOR  
INTENDS TO MENTION THE FORWARDING OF THE WHITE HOUSE LETTER  
AT HIS WEEKLY PRESS BRIEFING MAY 13.

3. LITERATURNAYA GAZETA FOR MAY 11 CARRIES YET ANOTHER  
ARTICLE ON THE HIJACKING AFFAIR, THIS TIME BY A "LITHUANIAN  
PUBLICIST", FELIKSIS STRUMINAS. ALTHOUGH THE ARTICLE  
PURPORTS TO BE ABOUT BRAZINSKAS FAMILY, IT IN FACT IS  
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DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO A DENUNCIATION OF A LITHUANIAN CLERGY-  
MAN, VINCENTIS BRIZGAS, NOW LIVING IN THE U.S. AS RE-  
LATED BY THE AUTHOR, BRIZGAS SEEMS TO HAVE AN UNUSUALLY  
SEAMY PAST, INCLUDING COOPERATION WITH THE GESTAPO. THE  
ARTICLE SEEMS MAINLY AN ATTEMPT TO SMEAR THE BRAZINSKAS  
FAMILY BY NOTING ITS CONNECTION WITH BRIZGAS. THE  
ARTICLE ALSO ALLOWS THE AUTHOR A CHANCE TO GET A FEW

LICKS IN AT CATHOLIC CLERGYMEN OF LITHUANIAN ORIGIN.  
FOR EXAMPLE, THE ARTICLE REFERS TO THE COLLEGE OF ST.  
CASIMIR IN ROME, "WHICH BECAME NOT ONLY THE BREEDING  
GROUND OF VIOLENT ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA, BUT A COLLECT-  
ING POINT FOR ALL SORTS OF RABBLE--TRAITORS, DESERTERS,  
AND SIMPLE CRIMINALS".  
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## Message Attributes

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